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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

HEIMAN et al. )

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For: DATA SCANNING DEVICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, prior to "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" insert:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a division of Serial No. 09/002,882<sup>2</sup> filed on January 5, 1998 *which is now abandoned*

On page 10, first complete paragraph, replace "lannunciationk" with --  
"annunicaiton"--.

On page 12, fourth complete paragraph, replace "lenterk" with --"enter"--.

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